



## *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, every day, 21 people in Hawai'i are diagnosed with diabetes; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 600,000 kama'aina, or 1 in every 3 people, in Hawai'i have prediabetes or diabetes, and the figure is closer to 1 in every 2 people in minority communities; and

**WHEREAS**, complications resulting from diabetes include heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney disease, periodontal disease, amputation and loss of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual health care cost for a person diagnosed with diabetes is 2.3 times higher than a person without diabetes, which equates to an estimated \$1.5 billion in Hawai'i each year; and

**WHEREAS**, 60% of those who have gestational diabetes, which develops during pregnancy, are estimated to develop Type 2 diabetes within the next 10 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i has the highest rate of gestational diabetes in the nation at 8.7%; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing physical activity and eating healthy can help to decrease the chances of developing Type 2 diabetes, the most common form; and

**WHEREAS**, educating our community on the risk factors and symptoms of diabetes can improve the likelihood of early diagnosis and less complications; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the American Diabetes Association is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes;

**THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim November 2018 as**

### **"AMERICAN DIABETES MONTH"**

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in raising awareness of the disease, understanding the complications, encouraging prevention and detection, and managing the disease.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of October 2018.

  
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DAVID Y. IGE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
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DOUGLAS S. CHIN  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i